

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 50 – SB 705

April 7, 2009

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005814): Encourages the Department of Health to implement an initiative to establish culturally appropriate programs to ensure that high-quality relevant services are provided to individuals who are most at risk of contracting HIV/AIDS and least likely to receive necessary care. Creates a joint legislative study committee to study the disproportionate impact that HIV/AIDS has on the African-American community.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$26,400/One-Time
Exceeds \$561,220/Recurring

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- The joint legislative study committee will be comprised of three Senate members and three House members. There will not be any additional expenditures incurred because the committee will meet when the Senate and House of Representatives are otherwise in session.
- According to the Department of Health, the Office of Minority Health works in conjunction with the HIV/AIDS section of the Bureau of Health Services Administration to use approximately \$31,238,000 in federal grant funds to provide HIV/AIDS services which include programs to ensure people access the HIV medical care, drugs and support services for individuals to stay in care (\$26,000,000); testing and prevention services in the community (\$3,800,000); expand testing in the African American community through emergency rooms and clinical settings (\$938,000); and HIV surveillance to capture and report cases of HIV/AIDS and STDs to the Centers for Disease Control and to maintain two data bases (\$500,000).

- It is estimated that the only assistance that the Department of Health staff will be required to provide the joint legislative committee is answering requests for data and expertise. Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a more stylized, connected manner to the middle initial "W." and the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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